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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

REF: BELGRADE 2680

1. FSFA AMERICA DEPARTMENT CHIEF STARCEVIC TODAY INFORMED US
PRESIDENT TITO ACCEPTS AUGUST 3-4 VISIT BY PRESIDENT FORD. VISIT
WILL BE IN BELGRADE.

2. FOLLOWING TWO SENTENCES SUGGESTED BY YUGOSLAVS FOR INCLUSION
IN ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRESIDENT'S TRIP: "AT THE INVITATION OF THE
PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA JOSIP
BROZ TITO, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA GERALD FORD
WILL PAY AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA. THE PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILL STAY IN YUGOSLAVIA AUGUST 3 AND 4."

3. WE ASSURED STARCEVIC THAT TIMING OF ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD BE
ARRANGED SO THAT IT COULD BE SIMULTANEOUS AND THAT IT WOULD
ALSO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT RELEASE TIME FOR YUGOSLAVIA. WE INDICATED
WE WOULD RELAY STARCEVIC'S SUGGESTION FOR RELEASE TOMORROW IF
POSSIBLE.

4. STARCEVIC ALSO ASKED TO BE INFORMED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
WHO WILL BE ACCOMPANYING THE PRESIDENT.

5. FROM SEVERAL SOURCES, INCLUDING STARCEVIC, WE UNDERSTAND
PRESIDENT TITO WILL HEAD THE YUGOSLAV DELEGATION TO
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